

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 36 (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:
an external interface to connect with an external recording medium having a content recorded thereon;
a recording unit that records the content read from the external recording medium connected to the external interface;
a processing unit that reproduces or executes the recorded content in the external recording medium or the recording unit;
wherein the processing unit has an installation processing unit that installs the content recorded in the external recording medium together with specified management information into a certain area of the recording unit;
wherein the processing unit instructs the installation processing unit to install based on an installation instruction from the content that is reproduced or executed by the processing unit;
wherein the installation process to the certain area of the recording unit cannot be executed by other than the installation processing unit;
wherein the recording unit records and has a management information file of the specified management information;
wherein the management information includes a conversion table for processing both the content installed in the certain area of the recording unit and the content recorded on the external recording medium;
a loading unit that reads contents recorded in the recording unit and the external recording medium based on the conversion table;

wherein the processing unit is able to load the content only through the loading unit; and
wherein the processing unit is configured so as to automatically add access constraints to the recorded content that can be reproduced or executed by the recording and reproducing apparatus, the access constraints being automatically established for controlling access by the content during said reproducing or executing to local resources of the recording and reproducing apparatus based on the process of the content.

38. (Currently Amended) A file accessing method for execution on a recording and reproducing apparatus, said method for accessing content configuration files with the use of the recording and reproducing apparatus including an external interface to connect to an external recording medium having a content recorded thereon, a recording unit that records the content read from the external recording medium connected to the external interface, a processing unit that reproduces or executes the recorded content in the external recording medium or the recording unit, wherein the recording unit records and has a management information file including a conversion table, and a loading unit that reads contents recorded in the recording unit and the external recording medium based on the conversion table; said file accessing method comprising the step(s) of:

the processing unit instructing an installation processing unit provided therein to install the content recorded in the external recording medium together with specified management information into a certain area of the recording unit based on an installation instruction from the content reproduced or executed by the processing unit,

wherein the installation process to the certain area of the recording unit cannot be executed by other than the installation processing unit,

wherein the conversion table with the management information, processes both the content installed in the certain area of the recording unit and the content recorded on the external recording medium,

wherein the processing unit is able to load the content only through the loading unit; and

wherein said instructing further includes:

automatically adding access constraints to the recorded content that can be reproduced or executed by the recording and reproducing apparatus, and

automatically establishing the access constraints so as to control access by the content during said reproducing or executing, to local resources of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

Claims 39 and 40 (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable storage medium on which is stored a content, which content is for use with or execution on a computer, wherein the content is configured and arranged so as to include an ~~the~~ installation instruction to be supplied to the recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 37, whereby a processing unit of the recording and reproducing apparatus instructs an installation processing unit to install based on an installation instruction from the content that is reproduced or executed by the processing unit.

42. (Previously Presented) A computer on which is stored a computer program for execution on the computer, the computer program being configured and arranged so as to cause the computer to execute the file accessing method of claim 38.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 37, wherein the processing unit automatically adds the access constraints during installing.

45. (Previously Presented) The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 37, wherein when the recording and reproducing apparatus reproduces or executes any content, the

processing unit prohibits the reproduced or executed content from accessing the recording unit, the external recording medium, a server operably coupled to the recording and reproducing apparatus or a memory operably coupled to the processing unit.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously Presented) The file accessing method of claim 38, further comprising the step(s) of:

prohibiting, when the recording and reproducing apparatus reproduces or executes any content, the reproduced or executed content from accessing the recording unit, the external recording medium, a server operably coupled to the recording and reproducing apparatus or a memory operably coupled to the processing unit.

48. (New) The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 37, wherein the access constraints are automatically added to the recorded content during installation, when content is being downloaded to the recording unit.

49. (New) The file accessing method of claim 38, wherein said automatically adding access constraints to the recorded content further includes automatically adding access during installation, when content is being downloaded to the recording unit.